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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: HUGHES  
ET AL.

Confirmation Number: 5430

Application No.: 09/925,642

Group Art Unit: 2667

Filed: August 10, 2001

Examiner: Murphy, Rhonda L.

Title: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any patent term above and beyond that of Hughes (U.S. 6,553,020), which is commonly owned with the present application and is this application's parent application. Applicants submit that the double patenting rejection based on Hughes and U.S. 5,475,866 is overcome.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests a Notice to that effect be issued. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative at the phone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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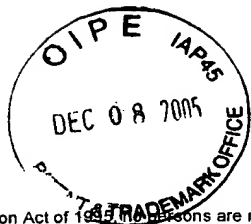
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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE  
PATENTING REJECTION OVER A "PRIOR" PATENT**

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011765-0274258

In re Application of: PHILIP T HUGHES, et al.

Application No.: 09/925,642

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD

The owner\*, RADIANT NETWORKS PLC, of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term **prior patent No.** 6,553,020 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said **prior patent** is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the **prior patent** are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 of the **prior patent**, "as the term of said **prior patent** is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer," in the event that said **prior patent** later:

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## FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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### Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor PHILIP T HUGHES  
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#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fee Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims - 20 or HP = Extra Claims X Fee (\$)

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

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Non-English Specification, 130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Statutory Disclaimer

Fee Paid (\$)

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